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In re the application of: )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING BASALTIC FIBERS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A response to the Notice dated October 8, 2003 (Paper No. 34) is due by November 10, 2003 (November 8, 2003 being a Saturday). Thus, please accept this Response as timely filed and fully responsive.

In the Notice, it is indicated that the Amendment filed September 5, 2003, was considered non-compliant because claims 23-25 and 27-29 were each labeled with an incorrect identifier. In response, Applicants submit herewith an updated version of the Listing of Claims filed September 5, 2003, wherein claims 23-25, 28 and 29 are correctly identified as "previously presented."

With respect to claim 27, claim 27 was amended in the Amendment filed September 5, 2003. Applicants kindly direct the Office's attention to page 13, claim 27, line 9, which shows that claim 27 has been amended by removing "separate," from claim 27 as indicated by the lining through of the term and comma. Hence, claim 27 was correctly identified as "currently amended."

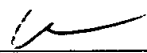
Applicants respectfully submit that this the attached updated Listing of Claims submitted herewith fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Hence, Applicants request that the amendment be forwarded to the Examiner for immediate consideration.

If any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this filing, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033611.002.

If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The extension fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033611.002.

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